
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Western District of Texas
Austin Division

United States of America

v.

David Ryan Watson

Defendant

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) Case No. 1:23-cr-180-DAE
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ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Part I - Eligibility for Detention

On Motion of the Government attorney pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), the Court held a detention hearing and found that detention is warranted. This order sets forth the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3142(i), in addition to any other findings made at the hearing.

Part II - Analysis and Statement of the Reasons for Detention

X **A. Rebuttable Presumption Arises Under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3) (*narcotics, firearm, other offenses*):** There is a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community because there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)(A), relating to child pornography.

B. Conclusions Regarding Applicability of Any Presumption Established Above

The presumption shifts to the defendant only the burden of producing rebutting evidence, not the burden of persuasion. *United States v. Hare*, 873 F.2d 796 (5th Cir. 1989). The defendant has not introduced sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption above, and detention is ordered on that basis.

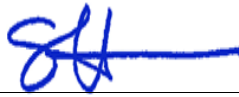
Part III – Other Reasons or Further Explanation

After considering the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g); the Pretrial Services Report, which recommends detention; and the evidence and arguments of counsel at the detention hearing, the Government has proven that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of the community. Defendant is a registered sex offender. The weight of the evidence against him is strong, and the nature and seriousness of the danger to others or the community is grave. In addition, Defendant was living with one of his proposed third-party custodians and was on state parole supervision for aggravated sexual assault, a felony, at the time of the alleged offenses. Because Defendant has not produced sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption, his detention pending trial is required.

Part IV - Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the Attorney General or to the Attorney General's designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date: April 26, 2024



Susan Hightower
United States Magistrate Judge